

Listing of the Claims:

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

1-50. (Canceled)

51. (Currently amended) A method of transferring personal information, including medical information, of a plurality of users from a first database in which said personal information is identifiable with particular users to a second database associated with a web server in which said personal information is de-identified, said method comprising the steps:

uploading to said second database associated with said web server de-identified personal information, including medical information, of said users from said first database;

uploading to said second database from a third database associated with a registration authority server anonymous IDs for each of said users; and

indexing said de-identified personal information, including medical information, of said users in said second database by anonymous ID without providing indexing to said first database.

52. (Currently amended) A method of authenticating an anonymous user of a World-Wide-Web (WWW) site residing on a web server, said user requiring a web ID and a password to log on to said WWW site, said method comprising the steps:

verifying the true identity of said anonymous user on a registration authority server;

creating said web ID on said web server, said web server including de-identified personal information including medical information of said user; and

creating said password on a certificate authority server;

wherein said registration authority server, said web server, and said certificate authority server are operated separately from each other to preserve anonymity of said user, whereby the only party which knows the true identity, web ID and password of the user is the user.

53. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 52 wherein on subsequent log ins to the WWW site by said user said password is authenticated by said certificate authority server and said Web ID is authenticated by said Web server.